MONTANA FISH & GAME COMMISSION
HELENA, MONTANA

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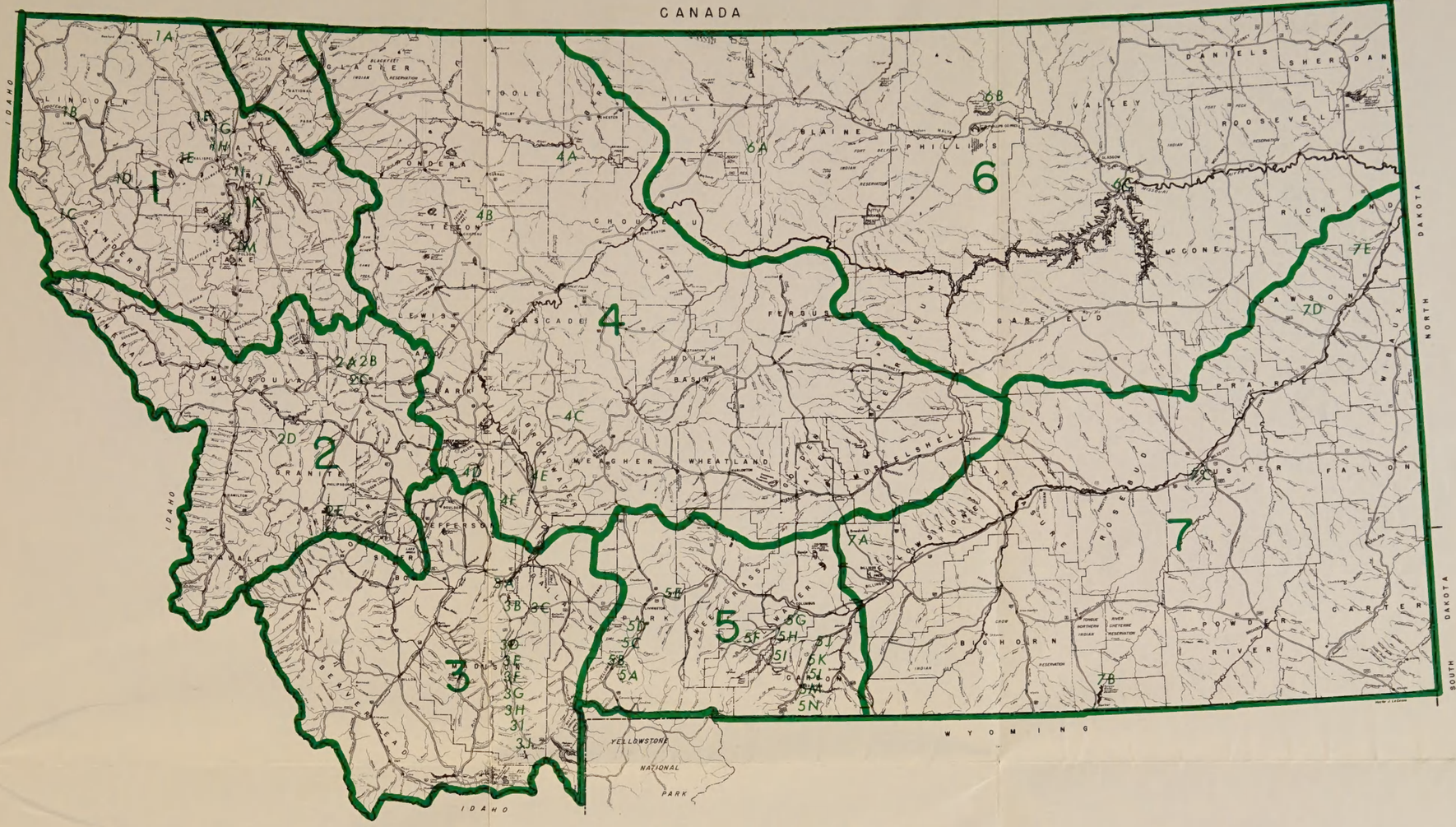
FISHING MAP
1963-1964

Regulations On Reverse Side

Be a Good Woodsman — Use Care with Fires — Leave a Clean Camp. Good Sportsmen Observe the Rights of Landowners — Ask Permission to Hunt or Fish on Private Land.



PUBLIC FISHING SITES

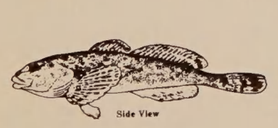
Each small number on the map indicates a public fishing access site that is owned, operated, or sponsored by the Montana Fish and Game Department.

Many other places are open to public fishing through the consideration of individual owners or public agencies.

1A Sophie Lake and Carpenter Lake
1B Savage Lake
1C Noxon Reservoir
1D Crystal Lake
1E Ashley Lake
1F Skyles Lake and Bootjack Lake
1G Blanchard Lake
1H Whitefish River
1I Flathead River
1J Loon Lake
1K Flathead Lake (Woods Bay)
1L Flathead Lake (Cedar Island)
1M Flathead Lake (Ducharme)
2A Cottonwood Creek and Clearwater River
2B Upsata Lake
2C Browns Lake
2D Rock Creek (Welcome Creek)
2E Georgetown Lake
3A Jefferson River
3B Harrison Lake
3C Madison River (Grayeliff)
3D Meadow Lake
3E Madison River (Valley Garden)
3F Madison River (Ennis)
3G Madison River (Burnt Tree Hole)
3H Madison River (Eight Mile Ford)
3I Madison River (Varney Bridge)
3J Madison River
4A Tiber Reservoir
4B Aarod Lake
4C Smith River
4D Park Lake
4E Canyon Ferry Reservoir
4F Tizer Lakes
5A Dailey Lake
5B Yellowstone River (Emigrant)
5C Yellowstone River (Paradise)
5D Yellowstone River (Mallard Rest)
5E Yellowstone River (Sheep Mountain)
5F West Rosebud Creek (Rosebud Isle)
5G Stillwater River (Swinging Bridge)
5H Stillwater River (Absoraka)
5I Stillwater River (Buffalo Jump)
5J Rock Creek (Water Birch)
5K Rock Creek (Bull Springs)
5L Rock Creek (Aspen Park)
5M Rock Creek (Beaver Lodge)
5N Rock Creek (Horsechief Station)
6A Bear Paw Lake
6B Cole Ponds
6C Fort Peck Dredge Cut
7A Broadview Pond
7B Tongue River Road
7C Branum Lake
7D Johnson Reservoir
7E Gartside Lake

COTTUS (Sculpin)

USE FOR BAIT ALLOWED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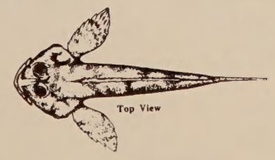

Top View

HELP PROTECT FISH HABITAT
IT'S THE KEY TO CONTINUED GOOD FISHING

IT IS UNLAWFUL

1. To empty a minnow bucket (release live fish) or otherwise transplant or introduce any fish or fish eggs into any waters.

2. To take fish in any manner except by angling with a single pole and/or line in hand or under immediate control unless specifically authorized by fishing regulations.

3. To refuse to show license on demand.

4. To loan or transfer your fishing or hunting license or tags to any person.

5. To sell fish except as prescribed by Montana Fish and Game Commission regulations.

6. To leave or dump any dead animal, fish, garbage or litter in or on any public recreation property, including lakes, streams and campgrounds.

7. To use or possess minnow seines or traps, snares, or fish traps unless specified under area regulations.

8. To use any carbide, lime, giant powder, dynamite, or other explosive compounds, or any corrosive or narcotic poison or to have any of the same in one's possession within one hundred (100) feet of any stream where fish are found, for the purpose of stunning or killing fish.

9. To operate a boat upon Montana waters which is not properly licensed, carrying one adequate life preserver for each passenger and carrying fire extinguishers as required by State law.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Montana resident citizens 15 through 69 years old must have a license to fish.

Montana resident citizens 70 years and older need not have a license to fish but must carry proof of age.

All non-residents 15 years and older must have a license to fish.

FISHING LICENSES AND FEES

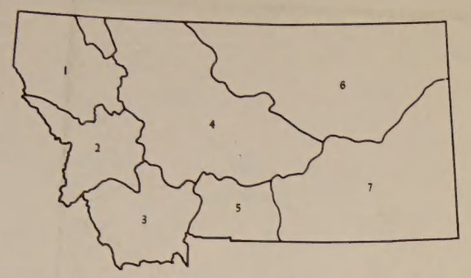
Resident Bird and Fish License (Class A)	$ 3.00
Non-resident Seasonal Fishing License	10.00
Non-resident 6-Day Limited Fishing	3.00
Non-resident Big Game, Birds and Fishing	100.00

PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of any order, rule or regulation of the State Fish and Game Commission made pursuant to the authority given said Commission by any of the laws of Montana, particularly including Sections 26-101 to 26-1306, and all acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto shall, unless a different punishment is expressly provided by law for such violation, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars ($25.00), nor more than five hundred dollars ($500.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and in addition thereto such person shall, in the discretion of the court, forfeit his license and privileges to hunt, fish or trap within this state for a period of sixteen (16) months from the date of his or her conviction.

FISHERMEN NOTICE!

Fishing cannot be greatly improved until the Fish and Game Commission has more information. One of the greatest needs is catch data. Sportsmen interested in helping should write to the Helena Office of the Department for a Fisherman's Log in which they may enter their catch records.



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Montana
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FISHING REGULATIONS
1963-1964

Effective May 19, 1963

To be in full force and effect through May 23, 1964, unless otherwise specified. All regulations, except state laws, are subject to change by the Commission. For up-to-date information, inquire of the local State Fish and Game Warden.

General state-wide provisions for limits, seasons, fishing hours, means of taking fish, etc., are specified below. Specific regulations are given herein under seven areas. The area in which you intend to fish may be determined from the map. The state-wide regulations which follow apply except where otherwise specified under area regulations.

LICENSE

A fishing license is a permit to kill, trap, possess or fish for any fish within the state as authorized by fishing regulations.

SEASONS

All dates given are inclusive dates. Where dates specify an open season, fishing is closed throughout the remainder of the year. An open season is for all species unless otherwise specified.

HOURS OF FISHING

Regular fishing hours: Open from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time, in all waters including waters open entire year, unless otherwise specified.

Set line fishing, when permitted, will be at all hours.

Any area open to set line fishing is open to angling at all hours for the same species of fish that may be taken by set lines.

GAME FISH

All species of the family Salmonidae (chars, trout and salmon); all species of the family Thymallidae (grayling); all species of the family Coregonidae (whitefish); all species of the genus Stizostedion (sand pike or sauger, and walleye pike or yellow pike-perch); all species of the genus Esox (northern pike, pickerel and muskellunge); all species of the genus Micropterus (bass).

NON-GAME FISH

All species of fish not listed under "Game Fish" are non-game fish.

GENERAL DAILY LIMITS AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Daily limit shall mean the numbers and/or pounds of fish that may be legally killed, captured, or taken during the legal hours of a day.

Possession limit shall mean the numbers and/or pounds of fish which may be in possession in any form, fresh, stored in freezers or lockers, salted, smoked, dried, canned or otherwise preserved at any time or in any place or manner.

One each of the following limits may be taken and possessed. No person shall take or possess more than the daily limit of fish unless otherwise specified. Weight limits to be computed by dressed weight with heads and tails intact, provided that two (2) fish may be caught regardless of weight limitation.

Limit Number 1. **Trout, Char and Grayling:** Ten (10) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

Limit Number 2. **Whitefish:** Twenty (20) fish.

Limit Number 3. **Walleye Pike, Sauger, Northern Pike and Bass:** Fifteen (15) fish not to exceed fifteen (15) pounds and one (1) fish.

Limit Number 4. **Kokanee** (sockeye salmon): Ten (10) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish except during snagging season designated under area regulations when the daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) fish and not more than two (2) days' limit will be allowed in possession.

There is no limit on non-game fish, except paddle fish on which the daily limit is two (2) fish and not more than two (2) days limit will be allowed in possession.

MEANS OF TAKING

Only a single line and hook or hooks with or without a pole may be used for fishing unless otherwise specified in these regulations. Pole or line must be in immediate control.

Set lines shall not be permitted unless specifically stated under area regulations and no more than six (6) lines with no more than six (6) hooks per line shall be allowed per person.

Snagging of fish is unlawful at all times except paddlefish may be snagged in the Missouri River drainage below Morony Dam and in the Yellowstone River drainage below the highway bridge at Custer, Montana. Also kokanee may be snagged as provided in specific area regulations under **snagging of kokanee.** Where snagging is allowed, any number of hooks may be used.

Fishing for (or hunting of) non-game fish shall be allowed with a bow and arrow.

Skin divers when swimming or submerged may take non-game fish with the aid of rubber or spring propelled spears in waters open to fishing.

Use or possession of minnow seines or traps, snares, or fish traps is unlawful unless specified under area regulations. Except a screen or a net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be used to take sculpins (Cottus) for bait.

BAIT: It shall be prohibited for any person to use, possess, or transport any fish (except sculpins) dead or alive for fish bait, except as provided under area regulations. This does not prohibit the use of cut bait, or the use of whole fish commercially preserved or commercially frozen. Cut bait includes small fish with heads and/or entrails removed.

All waters of the state are closed to the use of carp or goldfish for bait.

It shall be prohibited for any person to introduce any food or substance that may concentrate or attract fish into any waters. (This does not prohibit angling for fish with legal lures and baits or placing bait inside hoop nets where hoop nets are permitted.)

CLOSED WATERS

All waters operated by the Fish and Game Department and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as fish hatcheries, rearing ponds, and the fish culture stations within the state shall be closed to fishing at all times.

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS

Waters designated as **Children's Fishing Waters** in area regulations are closed to fishing during the entire year to persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

BEAVER PONDS

Impoundments formed by beaver dams on a stream are governed by the same regulations as the stream.

AREA NO. 1
Northwestern Montana

CLARK FORK RIVER DRAINAGE BELOW THE MOUTH OF THE FLATHEAD RIVER, FLATHEAD RIVER AND KOOTENAI RIVER DRAINAGES

CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: In the Clark Fork River Drainage—Clark Fork River below Noxon Rapids dam as fenced and posted. Ashley Creek from the Thompson Falls public water supply intake to its source.

In the Flathead River Drainage—South Fork of the Flathead River downstream from Hungry Horse Dam to the "Devil's Elbow" as posted. Swan River from the hydroelectric plant to the old highway bridge. Herrig Creek, tributary of Little Bitterroot Lake. Rand, Green Mountain, and Fish Creeks tributaries of Ashley Lake. Donaldson and Freeland Creeks tributaries of Lake Mary Ronan. Smith Lake north of Whitefish Lake. Rogers Lake and Lauri Lake. Haskell Creek and tributaries from the Whitefish public water intake to its source. Big Creek, Coal Creek, Whale Creek and their tributary streams. Trail Creek (Yakinikak) from where it comes out of the ground, approximately five (5) miles above the North Fork Road, to the North Fork of the Flathead River. The following tributaries of the Middle Fork Flathead River: Granite, Morrison, Lodgepole, Long Creeks and their tributaries. Hell Roaring Creek, water supply for Polson, and its lakes from the outlet of the lower lake to its source. Crow Creek and its tributaries above the intake for the Ronan water supply to its source. Mission Creek from Mission Lake to the St. Ignatius public water supply intake. South Fork of Jocko River and all its tributaries including Crazy Fish Lake. Hot Springs Creek and its tributaries from the Hot Springs public water supply intake to its source.

In the Kootenai River Drainage—Flower Creek and its artificial impoundments from the Power Dam to its source, excluding the natural lakes. O'Brien Creek from the Troy city water intake to a point one-fourth (¼) mile upstream as posted.

OPEN ENTIRE YEAR for all species: All lakes and reservoirs in Area No. 1 except Lake Mary Ronan, Kilbrennan Lake, Stryker Lake (Fish Lake) Ninepipe, Pablo and Noxon Rapids Reservoirs (see below). All lakes and reservoirs shall be closed three hundred (300) feet in any direction from the mouths of tributaries from March 1 to the opening day of the tributary streams. This does not apply to seepage areas, or to waters on the Ninepipe and Pablo Bird Refuges. Flathead Lake is excluded from the three hundred (300) foot provision, and instead that portion of the lake two thousand (2,000) feet into the lake in every direction from where the Flathead and Swan Rivers enter the lake shall be closed from March 1 through May 23.

In addition the following rivers, but not their tributaries, will be open the entire year: That portion of Little Bitterroot River from the tunnel to its confluence with Flathead River, Ashley Creek from Smith Lake to its confluence with Flathead River, Flathead River below Kerr Dam and the Kootenai River.

OPEN MAY 19 through NOVEMBER 30 for all species: All streams unless otherwise specified and Lake Mary Ronan.

OPEN JUNE 16 through NOVEMBER 30 for all species: South Fork of the Flathead River and all its tributaries. The tributaries of the North Fork and Middle Fork of the Flathead River except those closed the entire year. Jocko River and its tributaries above the mouth of the South Fork of the Jocko River. That portion of the Swan River three hundred (300) feet below the Bigfork diversion dam.

SPECIAL SEASONS for all species: Kilbrennan Lake shall be open from May 19 through October 1. The Clark Fork River, not including its tributaries, and Noxon Rapids Reservoir shall be open the entire year except for the portion of the river and reservoir between Thompson Falls Dam and the U. S. Highway 10A bridge one mile west of Thompson Falls which shall be open only from May 19 through February 29.

Regulations for Ninepipe and Pablo Waterfowl Refuges:

1. Pablo Refuge: North and east shoreline from the inlet canal to the south end of the main dike open from July 16 through February 29, except during the migratory waterfowl hunting season.

2. Ninepipe Refuge: North shore from south end of main dike to south end of Allentown Bridge, and that portion of the refuge lying east of Highway 93, open all year except from September 3 to end of the migratory waterfowl hunting season. Balance of shoreline open from July 16 through February 29, except from September 3 to the end of the migratory waterfowl hunting season.

OPEN DECEMBER 1 through MARCH 31 for Whitefish only: Thompson River, Bull River, Yaak River, Fisher River below East Fisher Bridge.

OPEN OCTOBER 1 through DECEMBER 31, Snagging of Kokanee: All waters unless otherwise specified. On Flathead Lake the hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SET LINE FISHING, OPEN ENTIRE YEAR: Kootenai River for ling and sturgeon only.

OTHER: The minimum size of Dolly Varden (bull trout) which may be taken in Flathead Lake and its tributary drainages shall be eighteen (18) inches with head and tail intact.

The daily limit of kokanee (sockeye salmon) shall be thirty-five (35) fish during the entire year and two days' limit shall be allowed in possession, except for Lake Mary Ronan where the General Daily Limits and Possession Limits shall apply.

AREA NO. 2
West Central Montana

CLARK FORK RIVER DRAINAGE (Defined as the Clark Fork River Drainage above the mouth of the Flathead River).

CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: Silver Creek and Packer Creek near Saltese above their water supply dams.

Georgetown Lake pump station area approximately three hundred (300) feet along the shore and one hundred (100) feet out into the lake, as designated by signs and buoys.

Rattlesnake Creek and tributary streams from the Missoula water supply dam of the Montana Power Company to its source.

Fred Burr Lake, Philipsburg water supply. Basin Creek from the lower Butte water supply reservoir dam to its source, including all reservoirs and tributaries. Miller Creek near Missoula, except for state land as posted.

OPEN ENTIRE YEAR for all species: All reservoirs and lakes except Georgetown, Echo, Browns, Fred Burr, Rainy, Clearwater and Summit.

Clark Fork River below Milltown Dam. The main Clearwater River from the Rainy Lake fish barrier to the bridge on Highway No. 20.

OPEN MAY 19 through NOVEMBER 30 for all species: All streams and rivers unless otherwise specified and Echo Lake.

OPEN JUNE 16 through NOVEMBER 30 for all species: Streams, lakes and rivers of the Clearwater drainage upstream from the Rainy Lake fish barrier. Placid Creek above Bakers Bridge. The Little Blackfoot drainage upstream from the Helena Lions Sunshine Camp.

SPECIAL SEASONS for all species: Browns Lake—Open to fishing from May 19 through March 31 and closed the remainder of the year.

Georgetown Lake—(Except as specified below and under Closed Entire Year) Open to fishing from May 19 through October 31 and from December 22 through March 1; closed the remainder of the year.

Ice fishing shelters on Georgetown and Browns Lakes are governed by special regulations available from the Montana Fish and Game Department.

Georgetown Lake Tributaries: Stuart Mill Creek, Flint Creek, above the lake, that portion of the lake within a three hundred (300) foot radius of the mouth of Flint Creek, as posted, Stuart Mill Bay as posted and Hardtla Creek. Open to fishing from July 28 through October 31 and closed the remainder of the year.

OPEN DECEMBER 1 through MARCH 31 for whitefish only: All waters except those closed entire year and Georgetown Lake, Echo Lake and the Clearwater Drainage above the Rainy Lake fish barrier.

OPEN OCTOBER 1 through DECEMBER 31 for snagging of kokanee: Clearwater drainage downstream from Rainy Lake fish barrier.

Georgetown Lake and tributaries (except for the pump station area as posted). Hours for snagging will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and fishing from the shore only shall be allowed.

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS for all species: The following waters, as posted, will be open to persons twelve (12) years of age and under, **open entire year:** Geyser Slough above the upper Rock Creek Lodge pond. Two-Mile Pond above St. Regis. Thompson and Flat Creeks near Superior. Pattee Creek pond near Missoula. **Open May 19 through November 30:** Bell Creek from Harrison Avenue to the Butte Country Club property line.

OTHER: The daily and possession limit on brook trout shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish in Trask (Hidden) Lakes and Thompson (Goat) Lakes west of Deer Lodge and all lakes in Mineral County. This limit may be taken in addition to the limits on other species of fish.

AREA NO. 3
Southwest Montana

JEFFERSON RIVER, MADISON RIVER AND GALLATIN RIVER DRAINAGES

CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: In the Gallatin Drainage—That portion of Bozeman Creek (Sour Dough Creek) from the Settling Basin of the water supply for the City of Bozeman to its source, including all tributaries and Mystic Lake. Lyman Creek from the Bozeman water intake to its source.

In the Madison Drainage—Hebgen Dam gate control tower and Madison River immediately downstream as posted.

In the Beaverhead Drainage—Indian Creek and its tributaries from the Sheridan public water supply intake to its source.

OPEN ENTIRE YEAR for all species: The west Gallatin River downstream from the Gallatin Gateway Bridge and the main Gallatin River below the confluence of the East and West Gallatin Rivers. Jefferson River downstream from Iron Rod Highway 41 bridge near Silver Star. Madison River below Earthquake Lake. Ennis Lake, Ruby Reservoir. That portion of the Ruby River in Madison County from the outlet of Ruby Dam to its confluence with the Beaverhead River.

OPEN MAY 19 through NOVEMBER 30 for all species: All waters unless otherwise specified.

SPECIAL SEASONS for all species: Hebgen Lake shall be open to fishing from May 19 through November 30. In addition it shall be open from December 1 through March 31 on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays only. General limits shall apply. The following waters shall be open from the last Sunday in June through November 30: All streams in the drainage of Upper Red Rock Lake not on the Red Rock Lakes Migratory Waterfowl Refuge; Hidden, Goose and Otter Lakes draining into the Cliff Lake drainage. Lake Agnes (near Melrose) shall be open from July 14 through November 30.

Regulations for Red Rock Lakes Migratory Waterfowl Refuge:

1. Closed Entire Year: Upper Red Rock Lake, Lower Red Rock Lake, Swan Lake, Red Rock River between Upper and Lower Red Rock Lakes, and all waters within 100 yards of the above listed areas. Red Rock Creek above Upper Red Rock Lake within the refuge.

2. Open May 19 through November 30 for all species: Culver Pond (Widow's Pool), MacDonald Pond and Shambo Pond.

3. Open last Sunday in June through November 30 for all species: Those waters on the refuge not designated in 1 or 2 above.

OPEN DECEMBER 1 through MARCH 31 for whitefish only: East Gallatin River, West Gallatin River upstream from Gallatin Gateway bridges, Cliff Lake, Jefferson River upstream from Iron Rod Highway 41 bridge near Silver Star, Big Hole River below Squaw Creek bridge, Beaverhead River and Red Rock River below Red Rock Lakes.

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS for all species: The following waters as posted will be open to persons twelve (12) years of age and under, **from May 19 through November 30:** Lott's Slough or drain ditch from its source to the old road crossing one (1) mile north of Twin Bridges. Pond in Lindley Park, Bozeman. Virginia City Pond.

OTHER: Fishing from or with the aid of boats or other floating craft or devices is prohibited in the Madison River from the outlet of Earthquake Lake to the Varney Bridge.

AREA NO. 4
Central Montana

UPPER MISSOURI RIVER, UPPER MUSSELSHELL RIVER, DEARBORN RIVER, SUN RIVER, TETON RIVER, MARIAS RIVER, ST. MARY RIVER AND UPPER MILK RIVER DRAINAGES (Defined as the Missouri River tributary drainages from Three Forks to, and including the Marias River, tributary drainages of the Missouri River on the south side from the Marias, to but not including the Musselshell River; the Musselshell River and tributary drainages above the bridge at Mosby; the St. Mary River and tributary drainages and the Milk River and tributary drainages in Glacier County).

CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: Midvale Creek and the intake reservoir from the intake of the Glacier Park Hotel Company water supply to the Glacier Park boundary. O'Brien Creek above Neihart public water supply intake. Freezeout and Priest Lakes in Teton County. The Missouri River immediately below Holter Dam, Morony Dam and Canyon Ferry Dam as posted. That portion of Giant Springs at Great Falls enclosed by the concrete walks and masonry work. Flagstaff Creek and tributaries to Holliday Lake (Flagstaff Lake) in the Musselshell drainage. Crater Lake (Boundary Lake) in Meagher County. Willow Creek and its tributaries from the White Sulphur Springs public water intake to its source.

OPEN ENTIRE YEAR 5:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. for all species: All lakes and reservoirs in Area No. 4 unless otherwise specified. Missouri River, Tintinger Sloughs near Cascade. Sun River below Diversion Dam. Pondera Coulee. Judith River below its confluence with Big Springs Creek. Inlet canal from State Highway 12 to Deadman's Basin Reservoir.

OPEN AT ALL HOURS for all species: The Missouri River from Cascade to Black Eagle Dam and below Morony Dam. Teton River below U. S. Highway 91. Marias River below Tiber Dam. Musselshell River below the bridge at Barber.

OPEN MAY 19 through NOVEMBER 30 for all species: All waters unless otherwise specified.

OPEN JUNE 16 through NOVEMBER 30 for all species: The inlet canal to Lake Francis from the Kunkle Drop to its mouth and a portion of Lake Francis included within a radius of three hundred (300) feet of the mouth of said canal. The inlet canal to Pishkun Reservoir below that portion known as the "well" and the inlet including the "well."

SPECIAL SEASONS for all species: Holliday Lake in Meagher County shall be open from January 1 through February 29 and closed the balance of the year. Pishkun and Willow Creek Reservoirs (near Augusta) shall be closed to fishing from September 3 through December 31 and open the remainder of the year. Fishing from boats not allowed on west lake of Pishkun Reservoir. Aarod Lakes shall be open to fishing from June 16 through February 29 and closed the remainder of the year. Split Rock Lake, near Pishkun Reservoir shall be closed from May 19 through July 13 and open the remainder of the year.

OPEN DECEMBER 1 through MARCH 31 for whitefish only: Smith River below the confluence of the North and South Forks. The Dearborn River below the high bridge on the Sterns-Augusta Highway.

OPEN OCTOBER 1 through DECEMBER 31 for snagging of kokanee: Inlet canal from Kunkle Drop to Lake Francis. Lake Francis and the outlet stream for one-quarter (¼) mile below Lake Francis. Snagging hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS for all species: The following waters, as posted, will be open to persons twelve (12) years of age and under **from May 19 through November 30:** Spring Creek from the Milwaukee bridge to Bryan Corbett fence below Choteau. Elk Creek (South Fork of Sun River) from the bridge on Highway 21 east of Augusta to the bridge on Highway 287. Izaac Walton Children's Pond (Old State Fairgrounds) Helena. Prickly Pear Creek within East Helena city limits. Children's fishing pond on Malmstrom Air Force Base. Canyon Ponds (five ponds) at Wolf Creek. **Open Entire Year:** Roy-Weter Lake near Browning.

SET LINE FISHING for all species, December 1 through March 31: Missouri River and its main stream impoundments from and including Canyon Ferry Reservoir to Holter Dam. Marias River in its entirety including Tiber Reservoir. Cut Bank Creek from the Cut Bank city water intake dam downstream. **Open Entire Year:** Missouri River from the bridge at Cascade to Black Eagle Dam and below Morony Dam; Teton River below U. S. Highway 91; Marias River below Tiber Dam; Musselshell River below the bridge at Barber.

AREA NO. 5
South Central Montana

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER DRAINAGE (Defined as the Yellowstone River drainage above and including Clark Fork River).

CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: The first West Fork of Rock Creek from the Red Lodge city water intake to the mouth of Washoe Creek as posted.

OPEN ENTIRE YEAR for all species: Yellowstone River, Bluewater Creek, Glass Lindsey Lake, Cooney Reservoir, and Clark Fork of the Yellowstone River in Carbon and Yellowstone Counties.

OPEN MAY 19 through NOVEMBER 30 for all species: All waters unless otherwise specified.

OPEN OCTOBER 1 through DECEMBER 31 snagging of kokanee: Dailey Lake.

OPEN DECEMBER 1 through MARCH 31 for whitefish only: The following rivers excluding their tributaries: Shields River below Wilsall, Stillwater River, Boulder River below natural bridge, and West Boulder River.

SET LINE FISHING Open Entire Year for all species: Clark Fork of the Yellowstone River from the bridge at Bridger to the Yellowstone River.

LIMITS: The daily limit on whitefish in Area 5 shall be thirty (30) fish and not more than two (2) days limit allowed in possession.

In all of Area 5, except as otherwise specified, the limit on grayling and trout (except brook trout) shall be ten (10) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish. In addition to the above limit, ten (10) pounds (no number limit) of brook trout may be taken.

OTHER: Dailey Lake shall be open for all species from May 19 through March 31.

In the lakes of the Beartooth and Absaroka Mountain areas of Carbon, Stillwater, Sweet Grass and Park Counties, the limit on grayling and trout (except brook trout) shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish (no number limit) and the additional limit of brook trout may be taken. This special limit is not in addition to limits taken from other waters. Exception: Cooney Reservoir, West Rosebud, East Rosebud, Emerald, Crater, Dailey and No Ketchum Lakes are not in this special area.

AREA NO. 6
Northeastern Montana

LOWER MISSOURI RIVER, LOWER MUSSELSHELL RIVER AND MILK RIVER DRAINAGES (Defined as the Missouri River drainage below the Musselshell River, the Missouri River and all drainages from the north which enter the Missouri River between the Marias River and the Musselshell River, the Milk River drainage, and Musselshell River and drainages below the bridge at Mosby).

CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: The concrete walls and spillway structure below Fresno Dam and the city water supply intake as posted. That portion of the Missouri River between the outlet tunnels and the channel markers below the concrete apron of Fort Peck Dam. Wind Creek excluding Ross Reservoir, from Clear Creek road crossing to its source.

OPEN ENTIRE YEAR for all species: All waters shall be open at all hours unless otherwise specified.

OPEN MAY 19 through NOVEMBER 30 for all species: Streams south of Highway 2 which originate in the Bear Paw Mountains.

SPECIAL SEASONS for all species: Such portions of the waters of Medicine Lake which shall be designated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall be open July 1 through September 15 and November 15 through March 31. A portion of Bear Paw Lake (Beaver Creek Reservoir) included within a three hundred (300) foot radius of the inlet shall be open May 19 through November 30, during all hours.

SET LINE FISHING Open Entire Year for all species: Missouri River, except the north end of the Dredge Cuts as posted, Fort Peck Reservoir, Musselshell River below bridge at Barber, Milk River and its impoundments including Fresno Reservoir and Nelson Reservoir.

HOOP NETS: Hoop nets without wings or leads may be used to take non-game fish only, in the Milk River downstream from U. S. Highway No. 2 bridge below Dodson Dam (except from Vandalia Dam to a point one-quarter mile downstream) and in the Missouri River below the mouth of Milk River. Mouth of nets shall not exceed sixteen (16) feet in circumference or perimeter. (For example: a square mouth four (4) feet on a side or a round mouth five (5) feet across would be legal.) Each net must be clearly marked with the owner's name and address.

MINNOW SEINES AND TRAPS AND SMALL FISH FOR BAIT: Use of sculpins (Cottus) allowed in all waters. Use of other small fish allowed in: Fort Peck Reservoir, Nelson Reservoir, all impoundments on the Milk River below Fresno Dam, Esther Reservoir, Rock Creek Reservoir, Spring Creek Reservoir, McNeil Slough, Raymond Reservoir, and all streams and rivers in Area No. 6 except those streams south of Highway 2 which originate in the Bear Paw Mountains and the Milk River and tributaries upstream from Fresno Dam and the north end of the dredge cuts as posted.

Where use of minnows for fishing is allowed, minnows of non-game species may be taken:

(1) With a seine not to exceed twelve (12) feet in length, three (3) feet in width, and one-quarter (¼) inch mesh; or

(2) With minnow traps not to exceed eighteen (18) inches in length and ten (10) inches in diameter.

AREA NO. 7
Southeastern Montana

LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER AND LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER DRAINAGES (Defined as the Yellowstone River drainage below and excluding the Clark Fork River, and all other drainages in Montana southeast of the Yellowstone River).

OPEN ENTIRE YEAR for all species: All waters in Area No. 7. All waters shall be open at all hours except the following which shall be open only during the regular fishing hours: Tributary streams of the Big Horn and Little Big Horn Rivers, Sage Creek, Branum Lake (Miles City Fish Pond), Tongue River Drainage above the Highway 8 bridge at Ashland, and the Little Big Horn River above the Highway 87 bridge at the Francis Eggart Ranch.

SET LINE FISHING Open Entire Year for all species: All rivers and creeks except the tributaries to the Big Horn River, Pryor Creek, and the Tongue River drainage above the Highway 8 bridge at Ashland. All ponds, reservoirs, and lakes in Area No. 7 are closed to set line fishing.

HOOP NETS: Hoop nets may be used to take non-game fish in the Yellowstone River from one-quarter (¼) mile below the dam at Intake to the Montana-Dakota line. Hoop nets where allowed, shall conform to rules prescribed under Drainage Area No. 6.

MINNOW SEINES AND TRAPS AND SMALL FISH FOR BAIT: Use of sculpins (Cottus) allowed in all waters. Use of other small fish allowed in waters open to set line fishing. Minnow seines and traps where allowed shall conform to rules prescribed under Drainage Area No. 6.

OTHER: The daily and the possession limit on brook trout shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish. This limit may be taken in addition to the limits on other species of fish. There is no bag or possession limit on bass in Area No. 7.